



Washington

School for the Deaf

Academic Programs

Overview

Founded in 1886, the Washington School for the Deaf (WSD) serves eligible deaf and hard of hearing children ages birth through 21. Located in Vancouver, the WSD campus is divided into three unique programs aimed at serving deaf and hard of hearing children across the state: Academic Programs, Residential Programs, and Statewide Outreach. WSD is fully accredited by two organizations: The Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges and the Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf.

The Academic Program, including both day and residential students, serves individuals ages three through 21. Students benefit from small class size and personal attention from teachers who are trained in education of deaf and hard of hearing. Students also benefit from on-campus support services that include specialists in the fields of guidance and safety counseling, audiology, psychology, transition consulting, nursing, community service, technology, recreation, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and student safety.

A Comprehensive Curriculum

The WSD Academic Program offers a linguistically and culturally rich environment promoting safety as a top priority. WSD encourages students to communicate freely and grow both emotionally and academically. WSD students are exposed to a myriad of communication methods including English, American Sign Language (ASL), speech, reading and writing.

WSD students participate in the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL), the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) and/or alternative assessments based on their Individual Education Plan (IEP) as well as assessments designed for deaf and hard of hearing. The academic curriculum offered at WSD is aligned with the Washington state Essential Academic Learning Requirements (EALR) to ensure a high quality educational experience. In addition to the classroom setting, students may access global curriculum through a technology-based approach using NOVANET. Students also enjoy a wide array of elective activities through the after-school program, which includes sports, crafts, performing arts, auto mechanics, student advisory council, student government, Jr. NAD, and cheerleading.

Parent Communication

WSD values frequent and effective communication with parents. Student logs, sent home with students offer a great opportunity for parents to communicate with their child's teacher(s), follow their child's academic progress, address concerns and ask questions. In addition, parents also receive a bimonthly WSD newsletter. WSD works with public schools, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Educational Service Districts. Students are supervised and supported during non-academic hours (for after-school activities) by Student Life Counselors (SLCs).

For More Information and to Register

To learn more about the Washington School for the Deaf Academic Programs, to receive a registration packet, or to schedule a campus tour, please contact the Office of Academic Programs at (360) 418-4351 (V/TTY), †(800) 613-4228 ext. 351 (within WA) or email †linda.liepins@wsd.wa.gov.